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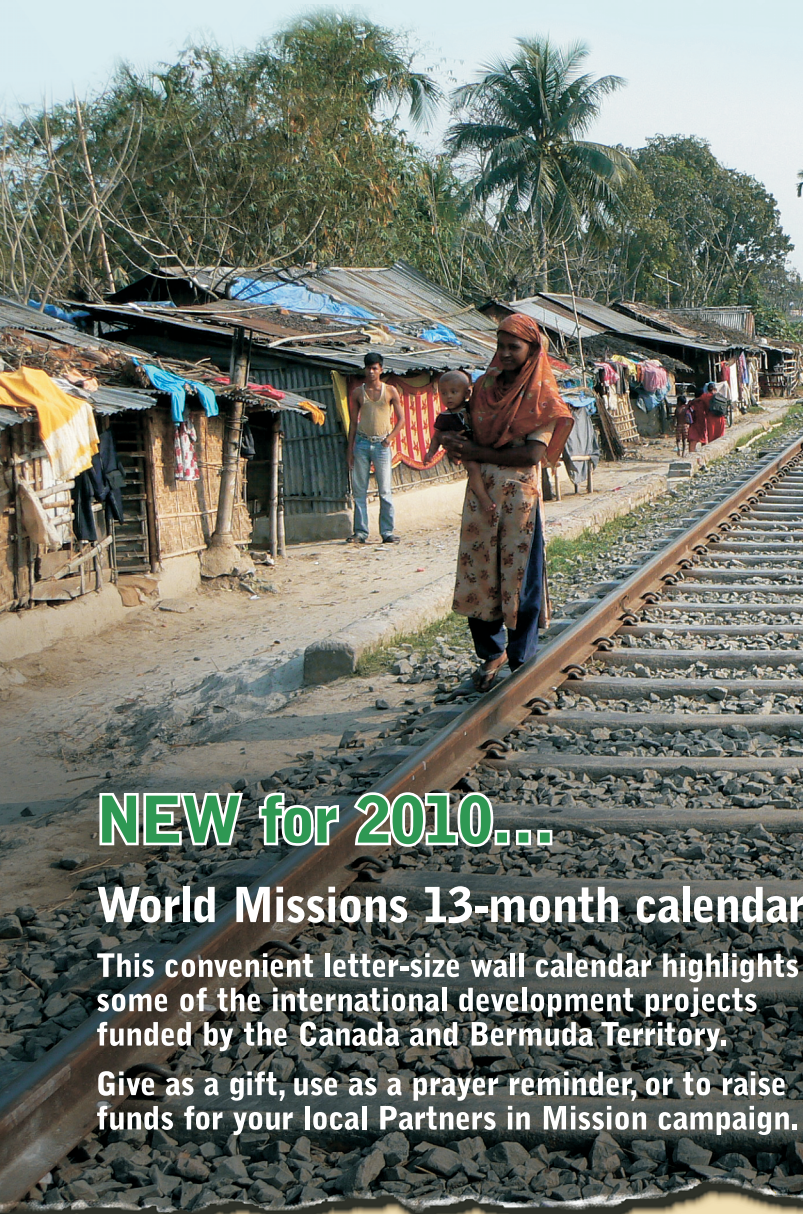
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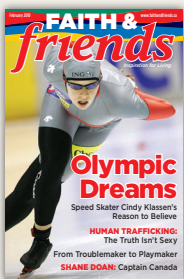
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That Loving Feeling

It is February and love is in the air! Celebrated worldwide, Valentine's Day is a reminder of the importance of love and friendship as an enrichment of our lives.

February also marks the launch of the Partners in Mission (PIM) Campaign. Aside from the obvious connection between the beginning of the Lenten season and a campaign built on sacrificial giving, it is fitting that the appeal is promoted in a month devoted to extravagant love.

After telling the parable of the Good Samaritan (see Luke 10:25-37), Jesus changed the focus of the question of "Who is my neighbour?" to "Which of the three



Mjr Gillian Brown rides a rickshaw in Bangladesh

characters in the story *proved* himself to be a good neighbour?" It is a significant shift, compelling us to reflect on the ways in which we show ourselves to be good neighbours. In the parable, the Samaritan proved to be the better neighbour through a response that required a change in plans, as he became personally involved in caregiving at a financial cost. Two thousand years later, the demands remain much the same, although perhaps the boundaries of our neighbourhood have expanded considerably.

This year's PIM resource package introduces us to the challenges faced by The Salvation Army as it ministers to our neighbours in Bangladesh. Some of the

challenges are consistent with those in the developing world: access to clean, safe water; education for all children; the opportunity to receive fair wages; adult literacy; and increased earning opportunities. Other challenges have a particular urgency in Bangladesh, for example human trafficking, which preys upon vulnerable women and children. Climate change is also rapidly affecting the lush vegetation that has been the pride of the nation. Water sources once thought to be safe now expose more than 25 million people to toxic levels of arsenic.

Being a good neighbour means taking action. Here are some good ideas for sharing your love with those overseas:

- Host a Foods of the World event at your corps, with all proceeds going to PIM. It's also an opportunity to introduce one another to foods that are part of your family tradition.
- Fast one day a week throughout the campaign and donate the money you would have spent on food to PIM.
- If you're feeling adventurous, try living on the \$2-a-day budget that is the reality of more than half of the world.
- Organize a giant garage sale with all monies going to the PIM Campaign. It's a great way to raise funds and simplify your life.
- Make your fundraising more intriguing by hosting a mystery auction, as one corps in Newfoundland did for the 2009 campaign.
- Invite your congregation to bring their PIM offerings publicly, walking or dancing down the aisle to music that expresses the joy of giving.
- Use the 2010 World Missions calendar (available with PIM resources) as a year-round reminder of our neighbours.

Responding to the needs of the man left to die by the roadside required the Samaritan to make choices. Being good neighbours to those in the developing world also demands we make choices that express our love in concrete actions.

Love is in the air. Catch that loving feeling as you respond to the Partners in Mission Campaign.

MAJOR GILLIAN BROWN
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Legacy Brass Rings Out in Ottawa



The newly formed Legacy Brass

NEWLY FORMED LEGACY Brass, a group composed of band reservists in eastern Ontario, performed its first Thanksgiving

concert in October at Ottawa Citadel, featuring an upbeat rendition of the trombone solo *Count Your Blessings*, performed by

Dean Tronsgard. Legacy Brass was joined by the Ottawa Police Chorus, under the direction of Geoff Linklater.

The band was formed to provide an avenue of service and Christian fellowship for brass band musicians aged 55 and older. It is a resource to Salvation Army centres and churches in eastern Ontario, particularly when a corps band is not available.

Recently, the Legacy Brass participated in a ceremony in Winchester, Ont., honouring George Beverly Shea on his 100th birthday for his many years of singing and writing Christian music. The award was presented via satellite from Old Orchard Beach, Maine, to Shea at his home church in Winchester.

The band enjoys playing many of the old Army favourites and its name, Legacy Brass, was chosen to reflect the rich heritage of Salvation Army brass music and the Christian message it proclaims.

Bowmanville Celebrates 125 Years of Ministry

ON THE WEEKEND of October 24-25, the Bowmanville Salvation Army Community Church, Ontario Central-East Division, celebrated its 125th anniversary. On Saturday evening, the Yorkminster Citadel Band and Songsters were the musical guests, under the leadership of their corps officer, Major Len Ballantine. Lt-Colonels Floyd and Tracey Tidd, divisional leaders, led the congregation in Sunday morning worship. The service included a time of commitment in which three adherents and one senior soldier were enrolled and one member of future candidates' fellowship was recognized.

A highlight of the weekend included a first-hand view of an Olympic Torch. Ron Roberts, a member of the corps in Bowmanville, has been involved in making the torches for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and brought one with him for the congregation to see.



Mjrs Craig and Patsy Rowe, COs; George Forsey, longest active senior soldier; Lt-Cols Tracey and Floyd Tidd, divisional leaders; and Annie Barnoski, youngest active junior soldier, help celebrate Bowmanville's 125th anniversary by cutting the cake

NewFoundBrass Ministers Through Music

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP of Heather Pritchett, NewFoundBrass, the former Newfoundland and Labrador East Divisional Youth Band, has many opportunities to spread the message of God's love through its music.

Thirty young people, aged 14-30, enjoy fellowship with each other and share in the ministry. Along with participating in the 2009 Christmas kettle kick-off for the division, they performed in the St. John's Christmas Parade and the Health Care Foundation Tree of Memories ceremony.

Last year, an ensemble of NewFoundBrass ministered in Charlottetown N.L. "The congregation enjoyed their visit. Their participation and ministry was a blessing to all," say Lieutenant Danette Downton, corps officer.

The band also supports The Salvation Army's outreach ministries. "Whether giving locally to the Red Shield Appeal or overseas through assisting with missions, we seek out ways in which we can help others," says Kim Chan, manager of NewFound Brass. "Having been blessed with the gift of music, all members of NewFoundBrass hope and pray that we are effective in using that gift to return praise back to the Giver."



NewFoundBrass take part in St. John's Santa Claus Parade

CSB Hosts St. John's Citadel Band

SALVATIONISTS IN TORONTO and nearby Whitby, Ont., were treated to a little taste of "The Rock" in November. The occasion was the visit of the St. John's Citadel Band, which travelled from Newfoundland to take part in the Canadian Staff Band's Fall Festival and march in the Toronto Santa Claus Parade.

Visiting band members were kept busy from the moment they arrived, presenting a concert to a packed house at Whitby Community Church on Friday evening. The audience appreciated the warmth

and humour of the guest musicians who performed a variety of music to suit all tastes.

After a busy day of rehearsals on Saturday, the visiting group joined the Canadian Staff Band and the Ontario Central-East Divisional Youth Chorus for an enjoyable concert at Scarborough Citadel in Toronto. Participating in the program were Commissioner William W. Francis, territorial commander, and Lt-Colonel Alf Richardson, divisional commander for Newfoundland and Labrador.

Among several lighter items, the Canadian Staff Band, under Bandmaster John Lam, played two larger works, Robert Redhead's *Corpus Christi* and Dmitri Shostakovich's lively *Festive Overture*, arranged by William Gordon. The youth chorus, under leader Cathie Koehnen, added significantly to the program with their energetic presentations of *Praise the Lord, All You Servants of the Lord*, an arrangement of Psalm 134 by Canadian Jason Locke, and the dynamic *Alive Forever Amen*, as well as two more meditative selections.

On Sunday morning, the visiting band participated in worship at Toronto's Bloor Central, then marched downtown in the 105th annual Toronto Santa Claus Parade. With the St. John's Citadel Band and the Canadian Staff Band, as well as players from many corps bands from Toronto and southern Ontario, this year's group of 165—including territorial and divisional leaders, the colour party and timbrellists—was the largest since The Salvation Army re-commenced participating in this event in 2005. The group provided a lively witness to the 500,000 who lined the parade route as well as the millions more who watched on TV throughout Canada and around the world.

Members of the St. John's Citadel Band, the Canadian Staff Band and southern Ontario corps bands take part in the Toronto Santa Claus Parade



Fleury of Excitement at Gateway

WHEN FORMER CALGARY Flames hockey player Theoren Fleury was in Toronto in November to attend the induction ceremony for some of his colleagues into the Hockey Hall of Fame, he chose The Salvation Army's Gateway shelter as the setting for an interview with The Sports Network (TSN).

Despite his professional success, Fleury has spent much of his adult life battling addictions. He has a rapport with men who are struggling and was happy to work as spokesman for Hockey for

the Homeless, from whom Gateway received a generous donation last year. His interview with TSN covered the release of his autobiography, *Playing With Fire*, in which he outlines the story of his experience of abuse and addiction.

While at Gateway, Fleury chatted with the men living there. "He really related to our guys. He obviously has a heart for this group," says

Theoren Fleury poses with members of the Gateway community during a recent visit

Dion Oxford, executive director. "He said that for the rest of his life he will be giving back

to the community and using his name and his leverage to help in any way he can."



Bermuda Homecoming

BERMUDA'S NOVEMBER CONGRESS was a homecoming, with former corps officers, family and friends returning to the island, to the Army and to God. It was a time to celebrate the past and embrace the future.

The Friday night welcome meeting at North Street Citadel buzzed with excitement. Salvationists from Cedar Hill, St. George's, North Street Citadel and West End Community Church took a walk down memory lane as their history came to life with role play, PowerPoint presentations and narrative illustrations.

On Saturday morning, each corps participated in an intercessory prayer walk through its community. It was a powerful experience for the participants. One commented, "I now understand God's transforming power in my life."

One of the groups stopped at the location of a shooting that had taken place the day before. Area residents approached the group and thanked them for praying for them.

The women's rally on Saturday afternoon featured Commissioner Marilyn D. Francis, territorial president for women's ministries, who made a presentation to Marion Knight, who has touched many lives throughout the years. Commissioner Marilyn Francis sang *Wither Thou Goest I Will Go*, in keeping with the theme of Naomi and Ruth.

On Sunday morning, Gary Panistan, a graduate of the Harbour Light program, gave an inspiring testimony about the changes in his life and his two and a half years of sobriety. The territorial commander, Commissioner William W. Francis, challenged Salvationists not to look for the signs of this world, but rather to look for Jesus. "When we look for the wrong sign, we miss the victory," he told them.

"The motivational words of the commissioners and the events of the Homecoming Congress have reminded us that The Salvation Army in Bermuda must rise up and become the giant we are perceived to be in our communities," said Rosemary Phillips, corps sergeant major at North Street Citadel. "We must become the spiritual centres in our communities as we meet human need."



Bermuda Donquili (Call to Dance) performs during Homecoming Congress

Gateway of Hope Opens in Langley



Ribbon-cutting ceremony marks the opening of Gateway of Hope

THE SALVATION ARMY Gateway of Hope officially opened its doors in Langley, B.C., in November. With 55 beds available to homeless men and women, the centre will also provide a food bank, drop-in meals and support services to those in need.

Mary Polak, Minister of Children and Family Development and Minister Responsible for Child Care and MLA for Langley, said, "The Gateway of Hope serves as a symbol of our commitment to end homelessness in Langley and across the province. This project has always been more than just about bricks and mortar—it's about providing the opportunity for people to take back their lives, hopes and dreams."

Community Support in Swift Current

IN SASKATCHEWAN, Swift Current's Mayor Jarrod Schafer helped kick off the Army's 2009 Christmas campaign. The Army set up an angel tree, located at the Wheatland Mall. Angels on the tree contained information about needy families in the community, helping donors to purchase items suited specifically to their needs.

In addition to the angel tree, the Army accepted donations and sold tickets to its community Christmas dinner, which was served on Christmas Day. According to Captain Michael Ramsay, corps officer, the Army helped 200 families through various Christmas ministries in December.



Mayor Jarrod Schafer and Cpt Michael Ramsay cut the ribbon, officially launching the 2009 Christmas season

We Are One World

Through the Partners in Mission Campaign, we have the opportunity to positively impact the lives of others

BY MAJOR GILLIAN BROWN

Despite the economic upheaval of the past year and a half, few Canadians have to worry about accessing adequate food, clean water, health care or education. There are millions of people around the world, however, who daily struggle just to survive.

Through its work in 118 countries, The Salvation Army is doing its best to make the world a better place. Whether in China, Liberia, Hungary or Bangladesh, the Army offers programs that meet spiritual, physical and emotional needs.

Although the Canada and Bermuda Territory offers financial support to a number of Salvation Army territories and commands worldwide, the 2010 Partners in Mission focus is on Bangladesh. Here are some of the projects The Salvation Army is involved in.



A health specialist discusses the dangers of malaria with a mother

Water and Sanitation



An arsenic and iron removal plant

IN THE WEST, we spend very little time each day thinking about the privilege of having water piped into our homes—water that is safe to drink, readily accessible for loads of laundry and hot showers or baths. For most of the world, much of life is centred on the four to five hours spent each day walking to collect water. Often the water is contaminated, compromising the health of families.

Bangladesh is no different than most of the developing world in its concern for

a safe, accessible water supply, with one unique twist. In the 1970s, various charitable organizations responded to the water issue with the construction of hundreds of tube wells. Although the tube wells eliminated one problem, they created a new tragedy—arsenic poisoning. Today, more than 30 million people in Bangladesh are exposed to water that has been contaminated with arsenic by hundreds of tube wells. It's been called the biggest mass poisoning in history. Arsenic symptoms vary from blackened fingernails to serious damage to the lungs, liver and kidneys. There are nearly 3,000 arsenic-related cancer deaths each year. Coming to terms with the problem has taken a long time, primarily because the symptoms may not appear for 10 years or more and vary from one person to the next.

The Salvation Army in Bangladesh has responded to this concern through the establishment of an arsenic and iron removal project. As new technologies develop that provide a more cost-effective way to ensure that the water is safe and clear of arsenic contamination, the Army will look for ways to expand its projects to rural communities.

Health Clinics

BANGLADESH HAS EXPERIENCED significant progress in addressing health concerns, with The Salvation Army contributing to the improved health of women and children. Leprosy is no longer the major concern it once was, people are living longer, and the control and prevention of childhood diseases has reduced childhood mortality. However, many challenges remain.

Tuberculosis, malaria and HIV/AIDS continue to pose significant threats. Of countries affected by tuberculosis, Bangladesh is sixth. Every year in Bangladesh, 70,000 people die from this treatable disease. Health specialists are concerned about the emergence of drug-resistant forms of malaria and tuberculosis, especially in children.

Malnutrition continues to be the major cause of death in children. It has been estimated that 75 percent of a child's life in Bangladesh is spent battling diseases related to malnutrition. Take a moment to consider the difference this makes on

a child's ability to concentrate at school, play and develop friendships.

To address this need, The Salvation Army has developed school programs that ensure children receive nutritious meals. The Army runs seminars and teaching sessions as part of its literacy programs, organizes saving groups, and offers goat banks and micro-credit programs. Each of these programs empowers families with the skills and opportunities necessary to earn an income to help pay for health care.

Working Conditions



Workers at the Sally Ann fair trade factory

FAIR WAGES AND healthy working conditions are essential in order to ensure the safety and dignity of workers. In Bangladesh, these basic standards are frequently violated in the garment and textile factories. As companies in the West look for ways to offer products that are available at the lowest cost, the temptation is to look to the poorer countries of the world to provide cheap labour. In Bangladesh, there are more than 4,000 garment factories churning out name-brand clothing, employing more than 1.5 million, mostly women.

Frequently referred to as sweat shops, most workers at these facilities earn a mere \$14 per month for 14- to 16-hour work days. Although international attention has resulted in a few factories raising their standards and benefits for their employees, most remain overcrowded, lack sanitation and are poorly ventilated, ideal conditions for the spread of tuberculosis. Over the

years, a few brave workers have spoken out about the physical and verbal abuse, the long hours of forced labour and delays of up to a month in receiving wages. Those who do speak out are sometimes mistreated and their employment terminated.

Local corps offer support for those who work in this industry. In Canada and Bermuda, we can show that we care by becoming aware of where some of the products we purchase have been made and choosing where possible to support the fair trade industry.

rising sea levels.

Bangladesh is only one of many poorer nations hard hit by climate change. As Christians, we can make a difference. The words of Micah 6:8 remind us of our calling to "act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Every day we make choices that have an impact on our environment. Why do we drive distances that are close to where we live? Why do we buy so much stuff only to throw it away? Why do we replace things that are not broken? Why do we leave




Rising water levels leave many families homeless

Climate Change

AS A LOW-LYING DELTA country, Bangladesh is especially vulnerable to climate change. Global warming has already shifted the country from six seasons to four, with the weather becoming increasingly unpredictable and destructive. Much of the land has become water-logged and inarable. It is estimated that by 2050, millions of people will be homeless due to

lights and appliances on when they are not being used? These choices are simple and basic yet are small steps in reducing our impact on our world.

The Salvation Army is loving people and our earth all around the world. From bio-gas projects to solar stoves, the World Missions office is committed to supporting the poorest and most vulnerable people, raising environmental awareness and working toward responsible use of the earth's natural resources. 

China Earthquake Update

Since the earthquake in 1988, The Salvation Army has been in China, providing disaster relief and community development projects. With offices in Beijing, Kunming and Chengdu, the Army was able to respond quickly in the days following the May 2008 earthquake that devastated Sichuan province. It took only eight seconds for towns to crumble on May 12, leaving more than 70,000 dead, 300,000 injured and displacing many more.

Canada has partnered with the Hong Kong and Macau Territory to fund a water-irrigation project damaged as a result of the earthquake, as well as construct 27 of 300 medical clinics in rural communities. These clinics will positively impact the health of the women and children of these isolated, hillside communities.





Catch the Olympic Fever!

Just as with athletic events, running the Christian race requires discipline and integrity

BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAM W. FRANCIS

The world eagerly awaits the start of the 2010 Winter Olympics and the Paralympic Games in Vancouver. More than three billion people will view the Games on television. The statistics are remarkable:

- 5,500 Olympic athletes and officials
- 1,350 Paralympic athletes and officials
- 80 countries participating in the Olympic Games
- 40 countries participating in the Paralympic Games
- 1.6 million tickets available for the Olympic Games
- 250,000 tickets available for the Paralympic Games
- 10,000 media representatives
- 25,000 volunteers

According to tradition, the Games were established in 776 BC. People throughout the Greek world gathered in the wooded valley of Olympia for this extraordinary event. The Greek calendar was based on the Olympiad, the four-year period between Games. By 200 BC, the athletic events involved 18 different contests. Over the next century, the Games faded in popularity and came to an end.

In 1896, Baron Pierre de Coubertin re-instituted the Games and became the founder of the modern Olympic movement. The Baron's philosophy was clear: "The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win, but to take part; just as the most important thing in life is not to triumph but to work through the

struggles. The essential thing is not to have conquered, but to have fought well."

"Fighting well" requires a disciplined life of establishing specific goals and objectives to maintain physical and emotional fitness. A victorious athlete competes with discipline and integrity. As the Apostle Paul reminded Timothy, "Anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules" (2 Timothy 2:5).

The essential thing is not to have conquered, but to have fought well

Olympic athletes have three things in common:


- **Short-term goals** for the intensive, daily, physical training that ensures muscle tone and durability;
- **Long-term goals** to keep a four-year cycle in mind, and the daily plan must stick to the long-term goal;
- **A positive attitude** to discipline the mind and ignore distractions. A strong sense of self-worth and striving to do one's best are essential to victory.

The Christian life is much like an ath-

lete's experience. Paul urged believers to be fully engaged with their newly found life in Christ. In 2 Timothy 4:2-5, he encourages his young protégé to:

- *Preach the Word.* While not all will have the opportunity to stand behind a pulpit, every Christian can share the gospel with a friend or neighbour.
- *Prepare himself.* We often leap into projects or situations without preparation. We need to pray, study God's Word, and daily seek wisdom and discernment.
- *Encourage others.* Encouragement is a gift we can all give to others. It brings joy and peace of mind.
- *Endure situations.* Life sometimes throws us a "curveball" and we become discouraged. God calls us to endure and to confidently believe that he will see us through.
- *Evangelize the world.* Yes, this is an overwhelming task, but God has called us to reach out in love to a lost, dying world with the good news of the gospel.

When all the training, practising and equipping have ended and the race is completed, one can look to the Father and boldly proclaim: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

The Olympic Games will be exciting to watch. Through the cheers and joy, may we remember to continue the disciplined, goal-oriented race in our spiritual lives. Let us run daily the race of life for Jesus Christ. 



Commissioner William W. Francis is the territorial commander of the Canada and Bermuda Territory.



Alberta and Northern Territories Division

From the Rocky Mountains to the far north, the Army is touching lives through innovative corps programming and social ministry for tough economic times



From the DC's Desk:

The Alberta and Northern Territories Division is diverse and expansive, covering our territory's most northerly appointments and the vast plains of Alberta nestled up against the Rocky Mountains. One can't help but feel that the Psalmist passed this way: "I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2).

If you could travel with us to Whitehorse or Yellowknife, then down to the challenging work in Fort McMurray, Alta., or the diverse ministry in Edmonton or Calgary, you would see faithful officers, soldiers and employees who work diligently to be a transforming influence in our communities. It is a testament to the work of God and the obedience of his people. My wife, Wendy, and I are pleased to share in leadership in a land resplendent with promise.

—Major Fred Waters,
Divisional Commander

FAST FACTS:

- Alberta is known for its wide-open spaces—mountains, pristine lakes and sweeping prairie. With a population of over 3,600,000, Alberta is blessed with an abundance of natural resources that drive its agriculture, energy and forestry industries
- The Alberta and Northern Territories Division is comprised of the province of Alberta, the Northwest Territories, Yukon Territory and Nunavut Territory
- There are 20 corps and 16 family services units in the division
- Last year, The Salvation Army in Alberta and the Northern Territories provided 150,000 meals for the hungry
- Army shelters offered 92,843 safe nights for the homeless
- At four rehabilitation centres, 16,798 men and women received treatment for their addictions
- Thousands of clothing items, food hampers and toys were distributed to 95,238 people
- Across the division, 542 people accessed the Army's mental-health services, which provide counselling, life skills and tools for healthy living
- Two assisted-living/long-term care for seniors' homes in Edmonton and Calgary provide 118 seniors an affordable residence with specialized care
- Three community-crisis response units (mobile kitchens) are located in Edmonton, Calgary and Fort McMurray, Alta.
- The Army's Agape Hospice in Calgary provides 18 beds for the terminally ill, giving comfort to residents in their final days and their families
- Excellent summer camping ministries happen at Pine Lake Camp in central Alberta



On Patrol: On Friday nights, E3C workers assist those on the streets

Sharing Mercy at Life's Crossroads

Edmonton Crossroads Community Church (or E3C as it's known) is situated in an Edmonton neighbourhood where there is a

high incidence of prostitution, illegal drug exchange and gang activity. Many young families have recently moved in because it is one of the few affordable places to live



Service With a Smile: Family services workers at Grande Prairie dish up food and friendship

in Edmonton. E3C is a place of belonging, a place where people are loved for who they are.

Many people who come to E3C are at a crossroads in their lives—a crisis of faith or a crisis of another kind. God has uniquely gifted the church to reach out and exercise his gift of mercy in the community.

High-energy, contemporary church services are held Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. and an award-winning contemporary Christian band leads in worship.

For the Friday night street ministry, Salvationists at E3C wear yellow Salvation Army jackets and bring hot chocolate, cold drinks and snacks to people living or working on the streets. They befriend people, letting them know there is a better way. People are always invited to come back to the church for a snack and more conversation.

E3C also runs a daytime drop-in program at the corps building during the week, which serves as a warming centre during the winter. It's a chance to build relationships and offer respite. A community health nurse also visits once a week to change bandages, give flu shots and provide general care. No one is referred to as a "client" but simply a member of the neighbourhood.

Edmonton's first human-trafficking charges were laid in September when police rescued three women who were being held against their will. E3C partners with many community agencies such as the Prostitution Awareness and Action Foundation of Edmonton, which specializes in reaching sexually exploited women and children who are trapped in the sex trade and human trafficking.

Lives are changed when people experience the grace, mercy and love of Jesus. This is not easy work, but it makes a difference.

Grace in the Golden Years

Edmonton, Alberta's capital city, is home to The Salvation Army's Grace Manor, a seniors' home for 100 residents. Opened in 2002, Grace Manor is an assisted-living facility, meaning that residents live independently, yet receive up to two hours of personalized care per day.

The Salvation Army worked closely with an architect to ensure Grace Manor would provide a home-like atmosphere for its residents, including a lounge in each corridor and carpeting rather than linoleum floors. Groups of 25 gather for large family meals, and staff members at Grace Manor are friendly and warm. There is a sense of community, but residents also

are given as much freedom and autonomy as possible.

Grace Manor has a good reputation in Alberta's health community for helping seniors with mental-health challenges, such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. The mental-health program is extensive.

"Sometimes residents from small towns on the Prairies who have mental-health episodes go to Edmonton for treatment at a hospital and then are not welcome back in their towns," explains Major Paul Winsor, executive director. For this reason, many seniors are taken straight from the hospital to Grace Manor, where they can stay as long as they need to. "The number of seniors living with mental-health challenges is increasing," adds Major Winsor, "and there is already a proposal to construct an addition to our building."

Quality of life is key to Grace Manor's philosophy. In addition to nursing care,



Community Spirit: Seniors enjoy activities at Grace Manor

therapeutic recreation is offered, from daily morning exercises to walking clubs to gardening. Pastoral care is also a huge component and particularly helps residents with mental-health issues to remain stable. One-on-one counselling and visitation is available as well as chapel services conducted six days per week.

“Our mission and vision is one of holistic care, and spiritual care is a huge part of that,” concludes Major Winsor.

Little Church on the Prairie

The oil boom has made Grande Prairie, Alta., one of Canada's fastest-growing cities. Located in the northwest of Alberta along the route from Edmonton to Fairbanks, Alaska, Grande Prairie's population is young, with an average age of 29.

The Salvation Army Grande Prairie Community Church offers a positive atmosphere. Many new people have started attending the corps in the past year. “Our focus has been on fellowship,” notes Captain Gordon Taylor, corps officer. “We have a monthly lunch and a family fun night. It's a great chance for families to come together and enjoy each other's company.”

The congregation spans generations, from young families with babies to seniors. The corps has a strong junior and senior youth group as well as a youth Bible study.

Five different teams take turns ministering in music for Sunday's church services. There is a contemporary worship team; a gospel team, which features mostly hymns and older music; Volunteers for Christ (VFC), a group of Newfoundlanders; Harmonies, a women's vocal group that performs Gaither music; and a brass band. This rich diversity of musical styles means that if you come to Grande Prairie for a month, each Sunday service will look and sound completely different.

The corps operates two thrift stores, one in Grande Prairie and one in Valleyview, Alta., an hour away. Grande Prairie also has a family services program, a food bank and a soup kitchen. “We are about 30 percent busier this year due to the recession,” says Captain Karen Taylor, community and family services director.

A Stampede on Poverty

Located 300 kilometres south of Edmonton and just east of the Rockies, Calgary is Alberta's largest city. It was the first Canadian city to host the Winter Olympics in 1988, and is home to the famous Calgary Stampede. To cater to the growing needs in



Holistic Focus:
Centre of Hope offers
counselling and practical support

Calgary, The Salvation Army has housed all of its social operations under one administrative roof.

Residential housing facilities are run out of Calgary's Centre of Hope and Booth Centre, two buildings in Calgary's Downtown East Village, a neighbourhood notorious for homelessness and drug addiction. Six hundred emergency and transitional-housing beds are available each night, with an additional 120 emergency winter mats to make sure no one freezes outside. Currently, The Salvation Army is working with the city of Calgary on Housing First, a 10-year plan to end homelessness. The plan is to reorganize, move away from emergency shelter and focus on supports that help people find permanent housing.


The Salvation Army already offers many services to the residents of the Centre of Hope and Booth Centre and the surrounding community. There is a computer lab and an employment resource centre where people can get help with resumés, job searches and housing. “We help immigrants connect with services in Calgary and learn basic English,” explains Karen Livick, chief operating officer of the Army's community services in Calgary. “Many people moved to Calgary because they heard how good it was here for work. When they arrived, they encountered massive jobs losses in the oil and gas industries.”

The Army is seeing many new clients come through its doors. The economic downturn has meant that, for the first time in their lives, many parents are unable to

provide for their children. Through community support services, families in need are provided with emergency groceries and supported through a rent and utility program. An infant-essentials program helps parents stock up on diapers, formula and cereal for their babies. Children are assisted with backpacks filled with school supplies as well as registration money for recreational sports. At Christmas, 2,300 families (including 4,500 children) are given toy baskets.

Salvation Army corps also get involved on “sock Sundays” and “toque Sundays,” collecting items to give out through community services. Corps such as Calgary's Glenmore Temple send volunteers to prepare school backpacks or Christmas hampers.

The Salvation Army's Pregnant and Parenting Resource Centre is a drop-in program run by a registered nurse and a social worker to help young mothers. Workshops on nutritious cooking and healthy grocery shopping are held in the community at three satellite locations. In addition, the Healthy Families program teaches appropriate child-rearing to new parents who are identified as potential risks for child-welfare involvement. Five caseworkers visit families' homes to coach them in parenting skills, and workshops are held on topics such as family dynamics and shaken-baby syndrome.

“In these times of economic crisis, there is an increased need for Army services. Our staff have stepped up to the challenge, and because of them, thousands of people are being helped,” says Livick. 

Our Uncompromising Vision

Salvationists are called to reaffirm the bigness of our God in a world of small expectations

BY MAJOR JULIE SLOUS

All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten.” At least that’s what Robert Fulgham declared when he published a book by that title in 1986. There is probably some truth in what Fulgham says. In kindergarten we learn about playing fair, cleaning up our mess, saying sorry when we hurt someone, washing our hands before we eat, and balancing work and play. Maybe the world would be a better place if we all stopped for afternoon cookies and milk, and followed it up with a nap!

Defining Our Vision

However, those of us who have moved beyond the rudiments of kindergarten know there is more to life than that. Our faith affirms that the betterment of our world happens only as lives are given over to the lordship of Jesus Christ. This conviction has shaped and formed the vision of The Salvation Army from its earliest days. With soup, soap and salvation, Salvationists have helped people find relationship with Christ.

This perspective is best represented in William Booth’s *In Darkest England and the Way Out*. Our Founder envisioned a plan that would rescue masses of people living in the slums of London’s East End and beyond. Understanding both spiritual and social dimensions of salvation, Booth believed that “the permanent deliverance of humankind from misery, either in this world or the next, was made possible through the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit.” In his vision, “the relief of temporal misery made the difficult easier and what was impossible possible. All could find their way to the cross of Christ.”

The Army Motif

In the final instalment of this *Salvationist* series, “Why an Army?,” we continue to seek our way as Salvationists amid the

complexity of our times. What unique gifts do Salvationists offer to counteract the problems of our day? What is our God-inspired vision? Is there an “Army motif” that runs through our ministry and keeps us focused?

Salvationists see a world in which the justice and mercy of God extend to all. We see a world that keeps relationship with Christ central to all things. Agents of grace are still needed to make

it “easy where it is now difficult” and “possible where it is now impossible” for people to find their way to Christ. In this mission, The

Salvation Army doesn’t happen until this picture is well defined and owned by all those setting out on the mission.

Our current struggle as an Army relates to the challenges of defining and owning our corporate vision. For some, the debate has revolved around contemporary versus traditional models of ministry. Others have speculated whether or not the Army needs to tone down its distinctives—such as our uniform and military language—so that we don’t offend or distance people from our message. In some settings, unfortunately, this debate has impacted our ability to wholeheartedly engage in mission.

Clarifying Our Vision

How can we move forward? Salvationist visionaries are challenged to reclaim the value of Salvation Army distinctives. It has been helpful to discuss what is relevant to our missional agenda. But have we come to a place where we can now corporately reaffirm the distinctives of Salvationism?

The world still needs the aggressive evangelistic presence of a Salvation Army, marching into places where others fear to go. It still needs our unique sacramental position as a reminder of how the outward demonstration of faith is naturally expressed in a “sleeves-rolled-up” brand of Christianity. To paraphrase General Albert Orsborn, our lives must be Christ’s broken bread, our love his outpoured wine. Let us not be timid in embracing the power of this testimony to the world.

We must continue to set ourselves apart from the influences of secular society. While we may not think a social drink every now and then weakens us, it weakens our testimony to the alcoholic. Abstinence has been our means of showing love to the world and how freedom from addiction is possible in Christ’s strength.

As Salvationists, we must value our distinct identity as soldiers. The uniform is a powerful tool to convey this identity. Let’s not minimize the significance of this privilege.

All of these distinctives are gifts God has given us to help realize our vision.



Salvation Army finds ongoing relevance and resolve.

In the secular sense, military armies understand battle tactics have to be directed to achieve a particular aim. When soldiers are deployed on a mission, they have a clear picture in their minds

of what they are setting out to accomplish. In fact, deployment


Big Vision Versus Small Expectations

Salvationist visionaries are also called to reaffirm the bigness of our God in a world of small expectations. A barrage of bad news convinces us that tomorrow's headlines won't change. Can you imagine our reaction if we woke up one morning to only good-news reports? Most of us would think the media had failed us somehow. The point is that we serve a big God who is able to bring creative order out of chaos. Who are we to say that God cannot solve big problems? Salvationist visionaries embrace a big picture of God and they anticipate divine activity in their world.

Imagine a crowd waiting outside the corps building Sunday morning. Word

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is out around the neighbourhood that something vibrant is happening at The Salvation Army. Lives are being radically changed! Hope has moved in! And the Salvationists in the crowd sing: "We have caught the vision splendid of a world which is to be" (SASB 833).

In my mind's eye, I can see it. Can you? People coming from east and west, sitting down in the Kingdom of God—people from every tribe and every race. It's a big picture of the Kingdom and we have a big God who inspires this vision. In that moment, memories of kindergarten and every place in-between will be fleeting thoughts. We will find ourselves in a better place, for all that we need we will have found in Christ and Christ alone. 

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February 1-6

Focus on Canada Ablaze

- 1 Pray for the safety of the Olympic torch bearers in winter conditions
- 2 Pray for the united worship gatherings in torch relay communities
- 3 Pray for British Columbia as it prepares to host the 2010 Olympics
- 4 Pray for God to create witnessing opportunities for Christians through outreach ministry at the Olympics
- 5 Pray for the safety of residents, Olympics participants and visitors
- 6 Pray for Canada

February 7-13

Focus on the Bermuda Division

- 7 Ask God to help us introduce others to Christ
- 8 Ask God to ignite our hearts through the Holy Spirit to become mature in Christ
- 9 Pray for effectiveness in winning children and youth for Christ
- 10 Pray for wisdom and renewed vision for youth ministry leaders
- 11 Pray for the development of people ministering in drug-infested and crime-ridden environments
- 12 Pray that ministry units will secure income to finance God's mission in the world through the Army
- 13 Ask God for grace, understanding and courage to reach out to others

February 14-20

Focus on Living the Vision: We envision flexible Army structures

- 14 Pray that the trend toward participation and collaboration among Army leaders will continue

- 15 Pray that leaders will encourage innovative strategies for mission
- 16 Pray for God's guidance in placing leaders where they are most gifted and needed
- 17 Pray for the empowering of leaders to take risks for the growth of God's Kingdom
- 18 Pray that the growing spiritual vitality in the territory will spread as God's people are renewed
- 19 Pray that leadership decisions will be guided by our faith-based values and mission effectiveness
- 20 Pray that people and relationships will be valued over resources

February 21-28

Focus on Personnel on International Service

- 21 Pray for Christopher/Erin Hann, project co-ordinator and team leader, THQ, Zambia Tty
- 22 Pray for Mjrs Bruce/Mildred Jennings, COs, Traverse City, Mich.
- 23 Pray for Mjrs Norman/Lois Garcia, COs, Old Orchard Beach, Maine
- 24 Pray for Comrs Max/Lennie Feener, TC and TPWM, U.S.A. Southern Tty
- 25 Pray for Mjr Stephen Court/Cpt Danielle Strickland, territorial mission development secretary and territorial social justice director, Australia Southern Tty
- 26 Pray for Comr Christine MacMillan, international director for social justice, IHQ
- 27 Pray for Lts Peter/Amanda Robinson, COs, West End Community Church, Somerset, Bermuda
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Who is My Neighbour?

The parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us that teaching is an important way to serve

BY MAJOR RAY HARRIS

The conversation began well enough: “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Luke’s Gospel implies the lawyer was testing Jesus with the question, but Jesus doesn’t seem put off by that. He sought common ground: “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” (see Luke 10:25-37; all references NRSV).

Both men knew the heart of Israel’s faith: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might” (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). The lawyer also understood the Torah to say, “and love your neighbour as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18). So Jesus replied, “Do this, and you will live.”

As the lawyer searched his own heart he realized there was more: “But to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’” Jesus didn’t back down from the question, but neither did he answer it directly. He is a “teacher” (see Luke 10:25), and good teaching is often indirect. Instead, Jesus told a story: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers....”

Good stories often work in threes where the third character in each story is the climax, such as in *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* or the *Three Little Pigs*. In Jesus’ parable, the priest and Levite pass by the wounded man. “But a Samaritan ... when he saw him, he was moved with pity” (Luke 10:33). A Samaritan? An outsider? A despised cousin in the faith? Just days before, Jesus himself was refused acceptance by a Samaritan village “because his face was set toward Jerusalem” (see Luke 9:51-53). It wasn’t what the lawyer expected to hear. It felt like he had been blindsided.

Then he heard Jesus pose a question of his own: “Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour?” The lawyer, still in shock, finally responded, “The one who showed him mercy.” Luke doesn’t tell us what happened to the lawyer after this encounter. Did he remain bound by his



Vincent van Gogh, *The Good Samaritan (after Delacroix)*, 1890

understanding of neighbour? Or did he risk expressing mercy to the outsider? We don’t know.

What we do know from Luke’s Gospel is that Jesus taught. This Teacher refused to be put off by questionable motives. He sought common ground. He responded to a question with a question of his own. He attempted to unlock the lawyer’s binding perceptions with an imaginative story. Then he let the student go, trusting the parable to accomplish its task, and for the

lawyer to show mercy to all neighbours, including the outsider.

Are you familiar with the scene in the movie *Mr. Holland’s Opus* where Gertrude was about to give up playing the clarinet? Her squawks outnumbered the clear notes. Mr. Holland asked about her flaming red hair, and she acknowledged that her father said it reminded him of the sunset. “Play the sunset,” replied the teacher. And she did. Her changed perceptions led to a more confident and beautiful sound.

As I think back over my life I realize how blessed I have been with good teachers. They taught me in schools, coached me on teams, conducted me in musical ensembles and preached to me in Salvation Army congregations. However, I am concerned

that the vocation of teaching is not always valued within the Army. Salvationist Roger Green writes: “[Salvationists] have not traditionally given the teacher and the preacher ... the place of importance they have held in the historic Christian Church.... It is time now to affirm that the teacher, the theologian, the preacher is the person at the centre of our institutional life.”

Do those words jar us? Do not Salvationists embody Christianity “with its sleeves rolled up”? Are we not the “hand of God in the heart of the city”? Let’s not polarize God’s ways: the doing of ministry *teaches* and good teaching is ministry. Being a transforming influence in our communities requires transformative teaching. Grace teaches because grace seeks to persuade, not coerce.

The 21st century has its own perceptual worlds. For instance, the world of pornography views women and children as objects to be consumed. Some view cheating as a justifiable way to

win, whether in sport or corporate management. These perceptions need to be changed.

Salvationists are called to love God and our neighbour. In order to do this we must help transform perceptions, we must teach.

“Teacher, what must I do ...?” ☞

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Culinary Comfort



From left, volunteer Gayle Mann, Linda Radtke and Mary Anne Leschiutta

For the people of Trail, B.C., Kate's Kitchen offers more than just a nourishing meal

BY KEN RAMSTEAD, EDITOR FAITH & FRIENDS AND FOI & VIE

When you first enter Kate's Kitchen, located in Trail, B.C., you might think you've wandered into some fancy neighbourhood eatery. "We're set up like a restaurant," says co-ordinator Linda Radtke. "We serve on real china, we have placemats and flowers on our tables, framed photos on the wall, and the food is fresh and not something out of a can. Actually, this is one of the nicest restaurants in Trail!"

Culinary Golden Rule

Kate's Kitchen opened in 1993 when The Salvation Army purchased a building for use as a food bank and soup kitchen. As a soldier of The Salvation Army for over a decade, Radtke had volunteered to help refurbish the new building, then started working in the kitchen and was soon asked to manage Kate's.

Named after Salvation Army co-founder Catherine Booth, Kate's caters mostly to people with low incomes, "but everybody's welcome," stresses Radtke. "Seniors come in, we have people on welfare, the lonely come in. When we have our Thursday suppers, we get homeless youth with nowhere to go. Beyond feeding them a meal, we

try to lift their spirits. That's what we're here for."

When Radtke came to Kate's Kitchen 14 years ago, she was determined to make a difference in her community. She treats her clients as she wants to be treated. Everything is made from scratch by Kate's 35 volunteers, from soup and sandwiches to casseroles, lasagna, cabbage rolls and macaroni and cheese. In the summer, Kate's hosts barbecues outside the building, complete with hot dogs, burgers and fries. The Thursday dinners feature either roast pork, chicken, turkey or roast beef. Between 40 to 70 people pass through the doors for lunch and 50 to 100 people for supper.

Smoothing the Road


Kate's philosophy extends to more than just good meals. "Our motive behind everything we do is our love for the Lord, and hopefully we're sharing that with others," says staffer Mary Anne Leschiutta, also a soldier of The Salvation Army. "Serving food to those without is the core of what we do, but we're there for any who need help. Our faith-based background permeates everything we do. We go the extra mile."

Recently, the staff helped a woman who'd wandered into Kate's looking for help. She had to go to a nearby hospital but lacked the funds for transportation. The staff gave her the needed bus fare.

"I ran into her this past weekend and she thanked me again," Leschiutta reports. "She said to me, 'I don't know what I would have done without you.' We get that kind of response all the time."

"A woman with two children passed by the kitchen every day," continues Radtke. "She never came in but we always smiled and waved to her. One day, she and her little girl and boy finally stopped by for lunch. As we talked, we found out that she had left an abusive relationship and that they were in need. Eventually, we arranged for her to get food hampers and other assistance."

"Later, she told me, 'Kate's Kitchen is so great. It's wonderful to know there's a place where we can go when we're hungry or when we can't afford to buy food. Thank you for being there.'"

"There are so many people who are struggling with poverty and other issues," concludes Radtke. "We're just trying to help smooth the road." 



High Stakes

Should The Salvation Army accept donations that come from the proceeds of gambling? The Army is an outspoken opponent of gambling and sees the devastating effects it has on the people we serve. But funding for crucial social programming often comes from questionable sources. Is it acceptable to take that money and use it for good?

Yes, “tainted” money can be redeemed. Our concern is not with how the wealthy spend their money, but how we can stand in solidarity with the poor.

BY ROB PERRY

IN THIS AGE of Lotto 649, Pro-line, 50-50 draws and PartyPoker.net, many of us know someone who has been adversely affected by gambling. Gambling addiction is a serious problem. However, this is not an argument as to the harmfulness or morality of gambling. Rather it is a discussion as to whether The Salvation Army's integrity would be compromised by accepting donations

that come from the proceeds of gambling.

Micah 4 tells of a future filled with peace, prosperity and joy. It speaks of nations that turn to God and others that don't. The chapter concludes: “ ‘I will give you hooves of bronze, and you will break to pieces many nations.’ You will devote their ill-gotten gains to the Lord, their wealth to the Lord of all the earth” (Micah 4:13).

This is the culmination of Micah's vision of Israel defeating its enemies and restoring peace. The plunder or “ill-gotten gains” of wicked nations will be taken by Israel and used for God's glory. Something that was meant for evil can be transformed into something life-giving. As Joseph said to his brothers after they mistreated him, “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives” (Genesis 50:20). It's about redemption.

The same was true for Zacchaeus, the diminutive tax collector whose life was changed when he encountered Jesus. Appropriately, Zacchaeus' approach to finances reflected his new life: “Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, ‘Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount’ ” (Luke 19:8).

Jesus does not stand up and say, “Hold on, Zacchaeus. While I appreciate the sentiment, you earned your money cheating your own people and colluding with Rome; therefore

it is tainted money, and it is wrong for you to give it to the poor.” Instead, Jesus is silent on the issue.

It's about redemption, but also about identification. As The Salvation Army, do we align ourselves primarily with the wealthy individuals and corporations who donate, or do we mostly identify with the underprivileged who are the beneficiaries of these donations? If it is the donor, we must be careful to walk alongside them in truth, and be prophetic about how they should make and spend their money. However, I believe that The Salvation Army's primary identification must be with the poor. It is our privilege to stand alongside the beneficiaries: the homeless, the addicted, the starving. While the Bible has much to say about how the rich should acquire and spend their wealth, it is decidedly quiet about where the poor should find their help.

As someone who lives and works in an underprivileged community, part of my job is to be a surrogate beggar, more commonly known as a fundraiser. When I have the privilege to rub elbows with wealthy individuals or corporations to whom my people have no access, I get to “beg” on their behalf. It is one of my least favourite parts of my job. It is humiliating to me (as begging always is), and if I am not careful, it can border on exploitation. Yet I do it because the people I am representing need the programs and help this money will offer. After all, the money I raise is not for me; I am just the middleman.

If I asked the people in my community if they were concerned whether or not program money comes from the proceeds of gambling, their reaction would be confusion and incredulity. Most

of them receive aid from other social service providers that are funded in part by gambling. Some of them even dream about the vast sums they will donate to The Salvation Army when they win the lottery. They do not care where our money comes from any more than a beggar on the streets of Jerusalem would have cared where Zacchaeus got the money to put in his cup. And nowhere in the Bible does God tell them they should worry about it.

When William Booth was criticized about receiving “tainted money” from wealthy donors, he replied, “We will wash it in the tears of the widows and the orphans and lay it on the altar of humanity.” In his words we find identification with the poor and redemption for the lost. Instead of piously turning aside proceeds from gambling, we can accept the gift, pray for the giver and use the money for the good of the poor.

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No, accepting gambling funds is hypocritical and weakens our prophetic voice. When it comes to gambling, our words must match our actions.

BY CAPTAIN RICK ZELINSKY

MY COUNTERPART IN the “yes” camp has invoked our Founder’s words about cleansing filthy, sinful dollars in the tears of the poor. If only the issue of taking gambling dollars were that easy. But the practical benefit of accepting gambling revenue clashes with the Army’s ethical stance and covenantal relationship.

My previous corps in Williams Lake, B.C., was positioned across the street from the city’s only bingo hall. It was disheartening to see people lining up to gamble away their money only to end up crossing the street for assistance with food. Our corps was a sign of hope; the bingo hall a sign of hopelessness.

When asked about the Army’s stance on gambling, I would always reply, “My family will not go hungry if I spend a loonie or even \$20 a week on the lottery, but our people lining up for bingo will. So, as Christians, we choose to abstain.” I say “we” because our faith is more than a personalized shopping list of choices—it is the life of the body of Christ, the Church lived out in community.



A Bad Mix: Accepting gambling revenue clashes with our covenantal relationship

We must continually ask what it means to live as Jesus’ followers. When we accept gambling funds, do we fund our services on the backs of those we seek to save? Are we complicit in the deception that gambling leads to wealth and happiness?

Perhaps a better question is, Are we taking full advantage of our prophetic voice to the community? Theologian John Howard Yoder notes that it’s hard for the Church to be prophetic when it’s tied to government dollars. Without a clear distinction between church and state, writes Yoder, “Social ethics means not what everyone *should* think and do about social questions, but what people in power should be *told to do* with their power.” Christian “morality” becomes another means by which the state enforces its will.

Refusing gambling money signals our unwillingness to collaborate with a corrupt system. As Yoder puts it, we must not “use unworthy means even for what seems to be a worthy end.” This strengthens our solidarity as a covenanted people and maintains a consistent testimony to the world.


It should be noted that the biggest beneficiary from gambling in Canada is our government. Revenue from gambling helps fund our health care and education. Does that mean I’m complicit in gambling if I visit the doctor or go to school? Of course not. Christians have to live in the world. We can’t reduce our hospital stay by 20 percent in protest. We can, however, approach our local school boards and offer to help with fundraising that doesn’t involve gambling to reduce dependency on those funds.

At a minimum, the Army should refuse grants from gambling revenues. In our community, receiving such a grant would have given permission to the Lottery Corporation to advertise our organization as a recipient. Translation? Bingo dollars are good for the community and social work agencies. There are strings attached to those dollars and a price to be paid.

So how do we compete in the non-profit marketplace without relying on gambling? It sounds easy, but the answer is faith. God doesn’t ask us to accomplish what he cannot provide for. James

tells us “we have not because we ask not,” and the gospel writers remind us to “ask and it will be given.” This doesn’t mean we “hunker in our bunker” and wait for the cash, but if we are doing all we can, then God will provide.

Part of our prophetic stance requires us to recommit our time and resources to God’s work. In most corps, the majority of funding comes from a small percentage of the congregation. Fewer and fewer corps in this territory are self-supporting. Many corps that struggle financially may be tempted to take the tainted money just to survive. The best way to stave off temptation is to redouble our generosity.

In Williams Lake, our corps took a public stance against bringing a casino to the city. We called on local government to take the high road for the sake of all its citizens. A building contractor for the casino told me, “Rick, I think you’re out of your mind on this—but I gotta hand it to you, you’re consistent.” May our words always match our actions. 

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Building Support in Bangladesh

Salvation Army programs offer clean water, sanitation, health care, education and vocational training

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY ART NICKEL

Although the geographical size of Bangladesh is only twice that of New Brunswick, the country has a population of 154 million people. Its capital city, Dhaka, is home to an estimated 12.3 million people, with over 3,000 overcrowded slums and rampant poverty. The average income is less than \$2 per day. Located in South Asia between Bengal and Burma, Bangladesh was part of British India until 1947, when it became known as East Pakistan. Then, in 1971, it separated from Pakistan to become Bangladesh. This photo essay depicts the amazing work The Salvation Army is doing to bring hope to the people of Bangladesh.



Leprosy treatment at the Mirpur Urban Health and Development Centre. Above: A merchant and children at a train station



Literacy and vocational training in Old Dhaka

Literacy and Fair Wages

The literacy rate for men is 54 percent and drops to 32 percent for women. The Salvation Army offers several literacy programs. Whether for women in brothels or poor women from villages, the programs aim to first educate and then build on basic literacy. Participants are taught practical vocational skills, paid a fair wage for the products they make or are provided with an opportunity to join micro-credit loan programs.



Sally Ann Fair Trade wares in Dhaka



A woman in Jessore holds a pumpkin grown through a micro-credit loan



A Salvationist ministers outside a brothel in Jessore



A tailoring class in Old Dhaka

Safe Water Projects

It's estimated that half the population can't access clean water and 60 percent lack proper sanitation. A major problem for many Bengalis is water contaminated with arsenic. The Salvation Army runs a number of water and sanitation projects that include working with local communities to build water filtration systems. In addition, the Army has built latrines and washroom facilities to help prevent illness and the spread of disease.



Arsenic and iron removal in Kholadanga



A water collection point for 17,000 people living in slums in Mirmur



Above and below: Integrated Child Care Centre in Savar



A music class for the visually impaired in Savar

Education


The Salvation Army is actively involved with education, supporting several schools with specific attention to children with special needs. An integrated school for the visually impaired as well as a school for the deaf ensures that these children have the same opportunity to achieve as others in the community. The Salvation Army also operates a home for orphaned girls.



Health

The Canada and Bermuda Territory has maintained an active interest in Bangladesh since the country separated from Pakistan. As access to adequate health care is scarce, The Salvation Army operates a number of health clinics, including those that specialize in the testing and treatment of tuberculosis and leprosy, which continue to be problems in Bangladesh.

Sally Ann workshops, now known as The Salvation Army's Fair Trade movement, began under the direction of a Canadian Salvationist serving in Bangladesh. The Army has also partnered in a variety of projects, including the construction of a new playground at Savar's Integrated Child Care Centre. Captain Elizabeth Nelson, a Canadian officer, has been serving in Bangladesh as the projects officer.

A Partners in Mission DVD with videos highlighting Bangladesh has been sent to all ministry units. Take time to learn more about the great work being done in Bangladesh and in our partner territories. Visit Salvationist.ca/partnersinmission for more information and additional Partners in Mission resource materials. 



Men receive assistance at the leprosy clinic in Mirpur



Children benefit from Army programs



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Better Beginnings

Ottawa's Bethany Hope Centre helps young parents learn to be great parents

BY CAPTAIN KIM WALTER, EDITOR, *EDGE FOR KIDS*

Young parents often feel isolated, cut off from their friends who do not have the responsibility of caring for young children. Some come from backgrounds where they have not experienced healthy parental relationships, making parenting still more difficult for them. At Ottawa's Bethany Hope Centre, The Salvation Army offers support to marginalized young parents. Staff don't "preach" Jesus as much as they "live" Jesus on a daily basis. Bethany Hope Centre operates a holistic, strength-building community, a place where young parents can be nurtured themselves and develop into the parents their children need them to be.

One of those young women is Isabel. Now married and the mother of three, she first entered Bethany Hope Centre when she was 21, separated from her family and expecting her first child. She had a partner and some income, but recognized that she needed help. She heard about Bethany from a friend and decided to see what they had to offer. "At Bethany, I found a friendly, helpful staff who provided a family atmosphere," says Isabel. She discovered that the centre's "Buns in the Oven" program helped her with pre-natal education and plenty of practical support.

In addition to the food bank and clothing room, the centre offers parenting programs, health and self-care workshops and parenting classes. Career counsellors also help the women access education and jobs that suit their personalities and skills.

Major Brenda Smith, executive director, arrived at the centre less than a year ago and quickly became aware of the difficulties young parents face. "When I arrived at Bethany Hope Centre I was impressed by two things: the dedication and commitment of the staff to their clients, and the courage and determination of the young parents to take good care



Faces of Hope: Young parents build self-esteem and healthy relationships

of their children," she says. "I quickly became aware of the prejudice that exists towards a young parent and the microscope they often live under—not because they may be bad parents, but because they are young."


Counselling is an important aspect of the Bethany Hope program, helping young parents build self-esteem and enjoy healthier relationships. Counsellors also assist clients to navigate the welfare system, address custody issues, and offer practical advice in caring for infants and toddlers. "It's a good place to be if you are willing to

listen and take the help," says Isabel. "The program leads you to success in parenting, a career and learning to function in the community."

A highlight of the programs offered to young parents is Bethany Hope's playgroup. Offering socialization and support to parents and free play for the children, it is part of the active learning approach to child care encouraged at the centre.

Fathers are also part of the program. Bethany Hope hosts a class for fathers-to-be and includes them in special events throughout the year.

Bethany Hope Centre is in the process of moving to a new location, 820 Woodroffe Road. It will occupy a completely renovated site, currently the home of Woodroffe Temple. The new facility will feature street-level access, an enhanced chaplaincy program and a more developed nutrition and food program.

Isabel feels blessed to have found Bethany Hope Centre. "I'm not just one of those girls going down the wrong path," she says. Isabel returns to the centre from time-to-time, speaking to the girls, giving them encouragement, just as she received when she needed it most. 

Adapting to Needs: A History of Bethany Hope

From its early years, The Salvation Army has helped young women. In the 1880s, Florence Booth began the first women's rescue ministry in London, England. Following that example, Canadian Salvationists began similar work, opening Redemption House, a children's home in Ottawa.

Since 1913, The Salvation Army has ministered to women and children in Ottawa from its present site at 1140 Wellington Street. The Bethany Hope Centre building was constructed in 1925. It transitioned to a maternity home in 1933 in partnership with the Grace Hospital (now Grace Manor) located next door. In 1994-95, Bethany Hope Centre switched from a residential to a day program with resources and support for young parents.



The Furious Longing of God

Brennan Manning

REVIEW BY MAJOR DOUGLAS HEFFORD

Brennan Manning woke up in an alcoholic fog one morning to see a young child looking down at him. The mother of the child quickly grabbed the boy by the hand, saying, “Don’t look at that filth. That’s nothing, but pure filth,” and with that she kicked him and broke two of his ribs. “That filth was me,” writes Manning, a Franciscan priest and author, “and by God’s grace I met Jesus and experienced his furious love for me regardless of my state—grace or disgrace.”

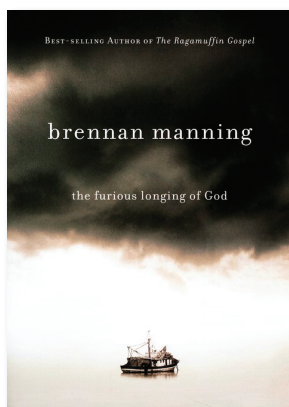
Arising out of Manning’s own painful journey, *The Furious Longing of God* is a love story for the broken-hearted, for people burdened by heavy religion and for those who feel they can never measure up. It is a poignant look at the radical, no-holds-barred love of our heavenly Father that healed Manning’s broken life. The book is the fruit of a 30-day silent retreat. His spiritual director guided him to the Song of Solomon 7:10, “I am my beloved’s and his desire is for me” (NASB). Throughout the retreat, he prayed this Scripture and experienced the powerful love of God.

This book invites you to a place of “retreat” where you can experience afresh the passionate love of God. I used the book as a personal retreat, taking a chapter a day to ponder what God the Father wanted to say to me. The reality that God’s desire is for *me* swept over me again. He is “furious” in his love for *me*.

Each chapter concludes with questions to engage the heart and mind. You don’t want to hurry through this book; you want to slowly drink it in. It brims with God’s grace and readers will come away wanting to be the evidence of God’s love in the world.

Manning could be more balanced in his reflections on God’s love. God is not always tender. Sometimes he expresses his love through unpleasant discipline and pruning (see Hebrews 12:4-13; John 15:1-2). While *The Furious Longing of God* is not intended to present a comprehensive, theological picture of God’s love, omitting its more complicated dimensions results in an incomplete and potentially distorted view of his holy love. Conclusions about God’s love based on personal experiences must be balanced by a thorough understanding of the biblical revelation.

Manning includes poignant illustrations to illuminate what it means to be aglow with furious love. He encourages us to pursue love, to help the hurting, the downcast and the outcast, and thereby bring Jesus to the people around us. Read about a God who is not just following you, but pursuing you, a God who is seriously in love with you. May this book speak peace, boldness, joy and furious love into your heart, a love that will empower you to share Jesus’ love with others.

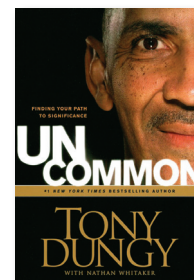


Uncommon

Finding your path to significance

by Tony Dungy with Nathan Whitaker

When Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy won the Super Bowl in 2007, people viewed him as the epitome of success. Dungy knows, though, that athletic victory and celebrity have little to do with his importance as a man. The path to true significance, he believes, is characterized by the right attitudes, ambitions and allegiances that are all too rare, but uncommonly rewarding. Dungy shares secrets to achieving significance learned from his remarkable parents, his athletic and coaching career, his mentors and his walk with God.

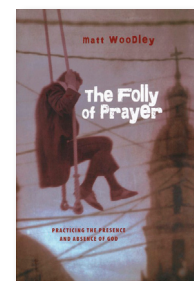


The Folly of Prayer

Practicing the presence and absence of God

by Matt Woodley

Using biblical characters as models and drawing on his own story to illustrate different aspects of prayer, Matt Woodley encourages us to be real with God—to groan, yell, kick and scream our prayers to him if we need to. God appreciates our honesty. He warns that prayer can be dangerous, though in a purifying and revitalizing way. *The Folly of Prayer* is a good read for someone wanting to gain a better understanding of what prayer is and does. It is an excellent resource for the beginner in prayer and a stimulating refresher for the mature Christian.

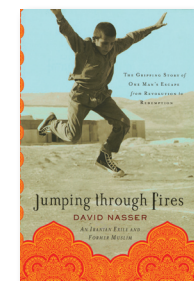


Jumping Through Fires

The gripping story of one man’s escape from revolution to redemption

by David Nasser

David Nasser is the visionary behind David Nasser Outreach and speaks to more than 700,000 people annually at rallies, conferences and concerts. In this riveting and moving memoir, he recalls being forced to escape his native Iran during the 1979 revolution. The raw and transparent account of his transition from hating religion to a vital faith in Jesus Christ is inspiring, and his honest and sometimes humorous assessment of the Church is enlightening and challenging.

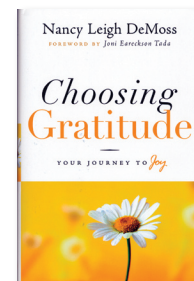


Choosing Gratitude

Your journey to joy

by Nancy Leigh DeMoss

Is the gratitude that flows out of our lives as abundant as the grace that flows into them? True gratitude is not an incidental ingredient in the Christian’s life. It’s a grace-infused commitment each of us chooses. In *Choosing Gratitude*, Nancy Leigh DeMoss explores the biblical and practical aspects of what makes gratitude truly Christian and how it makes life, even with all its bumps and bruises, a joy to behold. DeMoss stresses that thankfulness is the key to a peaceful, joy-filled heart in every circumstance of life.



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Servants of Christ

As they approach retirement, Colonels Donald and Ann Copple reflect on their officership and the mission of The Salvation Army

Colonels Donald and Ann Copple, chief secretary and territorial secretary for women's ministries, officially retire from active service on February 26, 2010. They spoke with *Salvationist* about their years of ministry.

What led you to become Salvation Army officers?

Don: When I was young, I was challenged by the example of Salvation Army officers stationed at the small corps I attended. I was inspired by how hard they worked and how they were all-embracing for the people in the community.

Ann: When I was 14, I came home from school one day and suddenly saw the value of church life and the benefits of being a foster child. I had been a rebellious teenager and had been bitter about my family situation. I knelt down in the living room, gave the Lord my life and thanked him for the home I had. I went to youth councils a



year later, and during a call to officership, I felt tears streaming down my face and I knew that I needed to go forward.

After 46 (47 for Ann) years of active service, you are currently the longest-serving officers in the territory. How have you seen the Army change over the years?

Ann: Years ago, church used to be the centre of life, while today it is just one aspect.

There are so many other things now that compete for our attention. For women, we used to have physical stress, while today a lot of the stress is emotional. Society has changed dramatically, and we have had to learn to adapt to the needs of our society. There are now phenomenal opportunities for ministry to women and for developing women in leadership. While the four-fold component of the women's ministries program hasn't changed—fellowship, service,

Career Profile

Colonel Donald Copple entered training from Flin Flon, Man., in 1962 as part of the Heroes of the Faith Session. Initially appointed to Port Colborne, Ont., he then served in a series of corps appointments, including Chatham and Sarnia, Ont. These assignments were followed by an appointment at the College for Officer Training as the field co-ordinator. Subsequent corps appointments included Mississauga Temple, Ont., and Toronto's Scarborough Citadel.

Recent appointments have been to divisional and territorial headquarters as divisional secretary, divisional secretary for business administration, divisional secretary for program and as assistant property secretary, property secretary, assistant chief secretary and divisional commander for the British Columbia Division prior to his appointment as divisional commander for the Ontario East-Central Division. Colonel Copple also served as executive officer to the Canadian Staff Band.

Colonel Ann Copple entered training in 1961 as part of the Servants of Christ Session from Point St. Charles Corps in Montreal. She was appointed first to assist at the corps in

Napanee, Ont., then Byersville in Peterborough, Ont. Prior to her marriage to Donald in 1965, she was the corps officer at Mimico Corps in Toronto.

Colonel Ann Copple has specialized in ministries to women. She has successfully implemented a number of ongoing women's groups in her various corps appointments. For a period of time, she shared an appointment with her husband at the College for Officer Training, where she held responsibilities as a sectional officer. She served as divisional director of women's ministries (DDWM) for the Central Newfoundland Division and then as assistant to the territorial women's ministries secretary. Subsequent divisional appointments included serving as DDWM for the British Columbia Division and then DDWM for the Ontario Central-East Division (also serving as chaplain at Toronto's Homestead).

In March 1, 2008, Colonels Donald and Ann Copple were appointed as chief secretary and territorial secretary for women's ministries.

They have two daughters, a foster daughter and seven grandchildren.

education and spiritual—all our programs can still reflect those things today but in different ways according to the communities we are in. It is important to reach out to young girls in creative and meaningful ways that nurture their spirits and permit them to realize their full potential as women created in the image of God.

Don: Forty-seven years ago, if you went to the Army in Canada, Great Britain or South Africa, you knew that you were in The Salvation Army. The people looked the same, they sang the same songs and the order of service was the same. Today, every Army corps has its own style of worship that is particular—and sometimes peculiar—to its setting. There is more freedom of worship. Perhaps as Canada has come of age, so, too, has the Army. We are also more reflective of the multicultural nature of the communities in which we live. In addition, our social service entities have become highly professionalized in the delivery of their services.

What are some significant memories from your officership?

Don: Although I've never had a social service appointment, I've always resonated with the work we do with the poor and marginalized. I believe that the Army is called to be the church of the poor and marginalized. I feel very comfortable in hostel and shelter settings, and I have tried to celebrate this work and make it a significant part of the Army and my ministry. In contrast to that, the years we spent as corps officers at Mississauga Temple and Scarborough Citadel in Toronto were important to us because we saw the value added by second-, third- and fourth-generation Salvationists—people who had experienced huge socio-economic lift as a result of the decisions made by their parents and grandparents.

Ann: It's been a privilege to see so many places in the territory. While most of our officership was spent in Ontario, we had the opportunity to serve in Newfoundland

and British Columbia and see the unique differences in how the Army is reflected. As a very young officer, I was stretched in every new challenge and opportunity to become the person I am today. Throughout my officership, I've learned that it's not about me, but about the God who called me and to whom I committed my life. Everything goes back to my calling: he called me, and will work through me, as long as I am willing to learn. As well, I think of the many people who have mentored, coached and encouraged me, often without realizing it. My work at The Homestead, a centre for women with addictions in Toronto, was a particular highlight for me.

I believe that the Army is called to be the church of the poor

Whether in corps work or administration, what values and essentials have kept you grounded or defined your ministry?

Don: The duality of Army ministry has been important to me. Is the Army a church or a social service entity? Can it be both? My sense is that it can't be both because the two are inseparable—one flows out of the other. One serves the poor because one is Christian, and one is Christian because the gospel has a strong appeal to the poor. I would have had a great deal of difficulty settling in a church that didn't have a strong affinity with the poor and marginalized. As well, I would have had a similar problem working as a social worker if there wasn't a spiritual component. The genius of the Army is the marriage of these two aspects of ministry.

Ann: I've valued my calling as an officer. I've learned the importance of integrity and

honesty in being who I am, rather than trying to be someone I think I'm expected to be. And also the value of seeing everything in its possibility and potential. It's important to see the value in each person. Who are they in Christ? Who can they be in Christ?

As you retire, what message do you want to convey to Salvationists?

Ann: We need to allow God to work through us. The greatest opportunities are found not in our own security or agendas, but in God's will and direction. We need to stop, look and listen. Stop and spend time in prayer and meditation. Look around and ask God to give you eyes to see the needs. Listen to what people are saying. This will open many doors to reach people for Christ, to mentor, coach others and serve suffering humanity.

Don: I believe the Army is stronger today than it has ever been in our history. We have more people worshipping in Army centres than have done so in the past. This isn't validated by statistics, but that's because people attend worship services every second or third week as opposed to every week as in the past. Our total constituency is larger even though our attendance appears to be smaller. We are reaching more people than in the past and we have a unique opportunity to minister in today's culture because we are an international organization. Wherever people have migrated from, many of them have some understanding of what the Army is so we can appeal to the multicultural nature of our cities.

The Army must remain adaptable. The degree to which we formalize things or try to regiment things is the degree to which we will fail. There is a sense in which our people have to be freed up in ministry. The Army in rural or northern locations shouldn't have to look like the Army in large urban centres. There needs to be this ability to adapt and adjust to the local culture. ☸



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ENROLMENT AND RECOGNITION

TORONTO—York Community Church welcomes three new senior soldiers. From left, Ashton Skerrett, Shona Skerrett and Jonathan Kean

Investing in People

TORONTO—Two-time Olympic gold medalist, Catriona Le May Doan, was the guest speaker at Ont. CE Div's second annual Hope in the City Breakfast presented by Rogers Communications Inc. Once known as the fastest woman on ice, Le May Doan challenged the capacity crowd to invest in the lives of people and their communities because "success is defined by the legacy you leave." Referring to her medals, Le May Doan said they simply "represent a race" whereas helping people is what is "truly making a life." The master of ceremonies was Herbie Kuhn, the courtside voice of the Toronto Raptors. From left, Lt-Col Floyd Tidd, DC, Ont. CE Div; Herbie Kuhn; Catriona Le May Doan; and Andrew Lennox, chair of The Salvation Army's national advisory board



ST. JOHN'S, N.L.—The Salvation Army held a luncheon in honour of Denise Miller. In attendance were family, friends, members of community agencies, government services and Army colleagues. Miller completed 20 years of faithful service with The Salvation Army, working on behalf of marginalized and homeless individuals within the city of St. John's. She served as the social worker at the Wiseman Centre shelter for men for 18 years, where she assumed a supervisory role in March 2007. Denise is now the community ministry senior worker at New Hope Community Centre.

Lt-Col Alf Richardson, DC, N.L. Div, presented Denise with her certificate. Joining her in cutting the celebratory cake are staff members, from left, Cpt Clay Davis, business manager; Wanda Burt, executive director; Mjr Maxine Boyde, program director; and Mjr Woodrow Boyde, chaplain

Honourable Service

FREDERICTON—Joyce Ferneyhough is recognized for 47 years of devoted service as a member of The Salvation Army Fredericton Community Church Band. From left, Joyce Ferneyhough, William Russell and Cpt Bradley Reid, CO. Top insert: Ruby Dunlap proudly displays her certificate recognizing more than 50 years as a faithful member of Fredericton Community Church's home league. With her is HLS Marg Kervin. Bottom insert: Winnie Mallock receives a retirement certificate acknowledging 14 years as an employee at The Salvation Army's Fredericton Thrift Store. Supporting her are representative employees

TRIBUTE

MEDICINE HAT, ALTA.—Lifelong Salvationist **Eileen (Wilson) Burkett** was born in Medicine Hat, Alta. Married to Ray Burkett, they shared many aspects of ministry in their local corps. Eileen particularly enjoyed playing in the band. Following Ray's retirement, they experienced a fulfilling ministry by frequently leading Sunday worship in the Medicine Hat Remand Centre, a multi-purpose correctional facility. Eileen is survived by sons Ronnie and Danny, and her sister, Lil (Wilson) McLeod.



BURNABY, B.C.—**Lt-Colonel Ruth Hawkes (nee Dray)** was born at the Winnipeg Grace Hospital to Commissioners William and Florence Dray. Her formative years were spent in Montreal where she especially delighted to sing in the Montreal Citadel Singing Company. Ruth entered the College for Officer Training in 1944 from North Toronto Citadel. Upon commissioning, Ruth was appointed to Port Colborne, Ont., and served in several other corps appointments before assisting in and administering several Army homes for girls. In 1976, Ruth retired as the administrator of the Maywood Home in Vancouver. She married Lt-Colonel Wilfred Hawkes in 1978. Following her husband's death, she enjoyed welcoming people to the Sunday meetings and helping with the feeding program at Cariboo Hill Temple, Burnaby, B.C. Ruth is survived by stepson, David (Eleanor) Hawkes; stepdaughter, Major Margaret (Reg) Newbury; sister, Lt-Colonel Marjorie (John) Ham; sister-in-law, Doris Dray; and their families.



WINNIPEG—**Major William (Bill) McKenzie** was born in Vancouver in 1929. He was commissioned as a Salvation Army officer in 1951. In 1953, while stationed in Selkirk, Man., he met Ena Boyden who was studying nursing at the Grace Hospital in Winnipeg. They married in 1954. During the next 39 years, Bill and Ena served in Brazil, Windsor, Ont., Montreal, Winnipeg, Prince Albert, Sask., Chilliwack and Abbotsford, B.C., and Geilenkirchen, Germany. Following retirement in 1993, they resided in Abbotsford, Calgary and Winnipeg. Left to celebrate his memory are wife, Ena; sons Ian (Glenda), Robert, William (Mandy), Gordon (Wendy), Cameron (Irma), Donald; sisters Betty (Bill) Beaton, June Kindiak, Sheryl McKenzie; 11 grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Multicultural Sunday

OTTAWA—Lt-Col Raphael Mason, territorial multicultural ministries secretary, leads worship at Ottawa Citadel for their multicultural ministries Sunday. The corps' successful programs are reaching out to many people. The message on the importance of prayer was well received by the congregation



GLACE BAY, N.S.—Four junior soldiers are enrolled and one renews her junior soldier promise at the corps in Glace Bay during their 114th corps anniversary weekend celebrations. From left, Alexis McMaster, Jason Mackay, Dakota Gittens, Leah Gittens and Jarrett Morrison

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Mjr Faith Cameron, area program co-ordinator,

northern region, BC Div*; Cpt Robert Spurrell, community services officer, Pembroke CC, Ont. CE Div*; Mjr Brian Armstrong, director of pastoral services, administration, THQ; Mjr Lynn Armstrong, director of pastoral services, clinical, THQ; Cpts Simon and Allison Downey, community and family services officers, Kemptville, Ont. CE Div *Designation change

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Mjr Laura Hanson, from Belleville, Ont., Nov 3; Lt-Col Ruth Hawkes, from Vancouver, Nov 15; Mjr William McKenzie, from Winnipeg, Nov 16

CALENDAR

Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis
Feb 4-5 Canadian Council of Churches church leaders' retreat, Mississauga, Ont.*; Feb 9-10 CFOT annual review, Winnipeg; Feb 25 retirement service, chief secretary and territorial secretary for women's ministries, THQ; Feb 28 Dearborn Heights Corps, Michigan, U.S.A. Central Tty

Canadian Staff Band
Feb 6-7 Guelph, Ont.



Where's My Valentine?

Honouring those who give their best

BY MAJOR FRED ASH

When I was a kid in elementary school, there was a Valentine's Day tradition I dreaded. The teachers, in an attempt to stimulate creativity, instructed us to make valentine boxes into which our classmates could put valentine cards. Some of us worked very hard to make fancy boxes decorated with hearts, cupids and arrows. For some they were real works of art. During the week, our classmates stuffed valentines into our boxes. Every year it was the same: the popular kids—those with good looks, gregarious personalities, athletic prowess and designer clothes—all got heaps of valentines. The less popular kids—those who got all their homework done on time, who took education seriously, who were quieter and perhaps less good looking (the

Ugly Betty types) got fewer valentines. And as if that wasn't enough, some of the kids counted their valentines in class and bragged about how many they had. The whole affair was an exercise in humiliation and, at the end of the day, many kids were glad to dump their empty boxes in the garbage.


Looking back, I can forgive the teachers because their motives were pure even though their judgment was poor. I can forgive the popular, bragging kids because they were only kids and immature. But what I have great difficulty in forgiving is the same actions in adults today who should know better.

Take, for example, the way some congregations treat their corps officers. Over the years, Salvationists have come up to

me in conversation and said, "We've got a really good officer this year." Then they proceed to tell me that he is a good singer, that he can play the piano or the accordion, that he hugs them and tells jokes. And I wonder to myself if he was one of the people who got most of the valentines in school. Then I think of the other officer who was not as popular. His wife had been sick and he could not spend as much time with his people as he would have liked. He wrestled with depression or migraine headaches. Perhaps one of his children was into drugs. Although just as sincere, just as dedicated and just as hard-working as the other, this officer did not receive many "valentines." No one bragged about him as "a good officer." Such officers can hardly wait for the party to be over.

What makes me even sadder—or madder, depending on my mood—is when this behaviour is seen in leaders. When leaders give "valentines" to the most popular on their team, while ignoring the hard work of the faithful, this is a gross injustice. A city official donates \$1,000 to the Red Shield Appeal and we put his picture in the paper. A soldier at the corps gives \$50 a week in her church offering envelope (at the end of the year more than doubling what the official gave) and gets no recognition whatsoever. A retired businessman gives five years of his retirement as a Salvation Army employee and he is recognized with a certificate of exceptional service. A Salvation Army officer-couple who entered training college as teenagers and gave their best years to the Army until poor health forced them into early retirement get a donut and coffee in a brief ceremony in the basement of DHQ. It is a wonder that more don't toss their valentine box in the garbage.

The Bible says: "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour" (Romans 13:7 KJV). A little more honour for the servants among us would go a long way to boosting morale in the ranks.

Perhaps we should take the time to honour those hard-working, faithful officers who slog it out in the trenches on the front lines. But let's not wait until they're gone to salute them. Let's give them bouquets while they can still smell the flowers and valentines while they can still see to read them. Now will that be an e-valentine or a traditional paper one? 

Major Fred Ash is the corps officer at Burlington Community Church, Ont.

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